Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 1, which starts with "An audio communications control system" with the following amended paragraph:

An audio communications control system operates between multiple voice communications systems and a single headset worn by an operator accessing the multiple communications systems via voice transmission. The single headset includes a left speaker, a right speaker, and a microphone ~~for providing the operator with voice transmission through an audio interface for operating between the audio communications systems and the single headset.~~ The audio interface provides an electrical connection and operation with each of the voice communications systems, even though each may operate with differing equipment and signal processing. The audio interface switches discrete voice communications signals and routes them to one of the left speaker, the right speaker, and conversely from the microphone of the headset to any of selected systems. ~~An operator control interface is operable with the audio interface for controlling the routing and switching of the audio signals. A graphical user interface is displayed on a monitor of a personal computer operable with the operator control interface for displaying a selection of switching and routing options to the operator. As a result, the operator needs only the single headset and the graphical interface for a manual selection of the discrete audio communications signals to be operable with the single headset. The communications control system is especially effectiveness for training onboard ships by allowing the operator to handle all shipboard~~

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~~communications, as well as access to a wide area network, without removing his headset~~

~~or moving from his console.~~

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